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At the beginning of the week Chicago prices were higher on the larger and unchanged on mediums. In all other locations prices were sharply higher on all sizes except New York where prices were unchanged. As the week progressed prices were unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand into all channels ranged light to good. However, delivery delays were reported in spot locations. Supplies were adequate to in close balance. Breaking stock along with checks and undergrade prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with offerings for next week becoming slightly more available. Demand was generally light. Schedules mixed for next week. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment was steady. Prices of light type fowl were unchanged. Offerings were adequate with demand fairly good. Rendering operations were receiving additional spent fowl while traditional slaughter processors worked full schedules. Removal prices were steady at 3 to 12.5 cents per head.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Cartoned egg demand was light to good, mostly good with offerings adequate. Spot demand for cartoned product was being reported as rapidly slowing as available transportation was also an issue. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were tight to barely adequate with offerings for next week becoming slightly more available. Demand was light. Floor stocks tight to in close balance. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	118-127	121-124
LARGE	117-125	118-123
MEDIUM	95-103	98-100

MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,  
Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was steady. Demand ranged light to good. Supplies were adequate to in close balance for needs. Breaking stock offerings were about adequate to tight for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were adequate for the moderate but generally unaggressive demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	123-137	125-130
LARGE	119-134	124-128
MEDIUM	96-111	101-103

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ,  
Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

## SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL

Nov 21, 2003

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	118.50	117.00	97.00
SOUTHEAST	117.50	115.50	95.00
MIDWEST	113.50	111.50	94.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	117.50	116.50	97.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	116.77	115.18	95.96

Computed from simple weekly averages weighted by regional area populations.

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN** PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS FOR LOOSE EGGS AT FARM, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, CENTS PER DOZEN

	11-25-03	11-18-03	11-26-02
Large	100-104	93-97	51-55
Medium	78-82	75-79	42-46

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-NOV 24, 2003

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/ 2/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

				No	So	So	5-Area
				Northeast	Cent	Atl	Pacific
Jumbo	Curr Wk	9.0	14.1	9.3	12.1	11.5	56.0
	Change	0.3	-1.2	-0.2	0.4	-0.4	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	22.2	45.5	14.5	19.0	34.0	135.2
	Change	-4.4	0.7	1.1	-4.0	-8.2	-10%
Large	Curr Wk	43.5	96.9	75.6	81.5	87.3	384.8
	Change	-10.5	-9.5	-18.6	-48.2	-34.8	-24%
Medium	Curr Wk	28.8	40.2	13.2	22.2	31.3	135.7
	Change	14.1	-13.5	-0.9	-4.1	-4.3	-6%
Small	Curr Wk	5.7	5.9	2.2	4.4	2.8	21.0
	Change	1.1	-1.1	-0.1	-1.0	0.1	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.7	18.9	9.8	12.6	6.9	52.9
	Change	1.4	-5.9	1.0	-0.9	1.0	-6%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	14.7	29.7	19.7	23.3	27.4	114.8
	Change	-1.7	2.7	2.2	-10.4	-2.1	-8%
Total	Curr Wk	128.6	251.2	144.2	175.1	201.2	900.4
Percent	Change	0%	-10%	-10%	-28%	-19%	-15%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	900.4	-15%	171
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	174.0	-18%	36
Total Shell Egg	1074.4	-15%	207

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 171 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

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**EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -** W/E 22-Nov-03

(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES BROKEN	LIQUID WHOLE	LIQUID WHITE	LIQUID YOLK	DRIED	INED
CW	1,165,662	30,760	9,437	5,114	1,920	4,077
PW	1,194,814	30,398	10,171	5,501	1,548	4,263
LY	1,169,865	28,565	10,218	5,438	2,101	4,234
% CHG PW	-2	1	-7	-7	24	-4
% CHG LY	0	8	-8	-6	-9	-4
2003	54,966,793	1,348,492	496,889	270,356	108,989	196,768
2002	56,715,012	1,324,166	543,133	291,770	131,734	201,273
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-9	-7	-17	-2
		<b>CURRENT</b>		<b>PREVIOUS</b>	<b>LAST</b>	
<b>AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -</b>		<b>WEEK</b>		<b>WEEK</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)		42.37		42.13	41.42	
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)		38.87		38.56	37.80	

**BROILER HATCHERY**

STATE	<u>Broiler Eggs Set,</u>		<u>Broiler Chicks Placed,</u>	
	<u>19 Selected States</u>		<u>19 Selected States</u>	
	Week Ending			
	15-Nov	22-Nov	15-Nov	22-Nov
	2003	2003	2003	2003
	THOUSAND			
AL	28,842	28,598	20,197	19,326
AR	29,786	29,996	23,335	22,777
DE	3,544	3,546	4,306	4,901
FL	1,353	1,352	1,664	1,477
GA	32,466	31,599	*22,834	23,524
KY	6,739	6,689	*5,287	5,306
LA	3,886	3,845	3,417	3,976
MD	8,417	8,752	5,270	5,636
MS	18,276	18,389	15,291	14,292
NC	18,135	18,125	14,134	13,782
OK	6,400	6,391	4,374	4,255
PA	3,638	3,751	2,461	2,564
SC	3,749	3,618	*3,342	4,325
TX	14,512	14,782	10,738	11,887
VA	6,591	6,622	5,629	4,953
CA, MO, TN, & WV	*17,165	17,023	*13,743	13,705
19 State Total	*203,499	203,078	*156,022	156,686
Previous Year Total	199,041	200,518	147,970	154,972
Pct. of Prev. Year	102	101	105	101

\*Revised

**WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING** Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 2-Jan-04 is estimated at 144.0 million head. This compares to 142.5 million head the previous week and to 142.4 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 128.3 million head and the composite weighted average price was 58.22 cents per pound.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** - WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVG PRICES (CNTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR NOV 21-NOV 27, 2003**CURRENT LOADS** 33.25 **FUTURE LOADS** 49.25 **TOTAL LOADS** 82.50

CLASS	SE		NE		MW		LOADS
	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	
GNR W 1	103.50	113.36	108.17	108.80	--	112.00	24.00
GNR W 2	--	--	--	--	85.00	98.00	3.00
GNR W 4	--	--	--	73.00	70.00	--	1.00
GNR BR XL	--	--	--	--	--	--	1.00
GNR BR 1	--	--	--	114.50	110.00	--	.75
GL W XL	--	118.71	117.33	120.73	108.38	116.00	31.25
GL W LG	--	118.95	--	--	105.19	121.00	17.00
GL W MD	94.00	91.50	89.57	92.75	73.00	84.25	13.75
GL W SM	--	--	60.00	61.25	60.00	62.00	2.00
GL BR LG	--	--	--	--	--	111.00	1.00
NRBS - 48	86.00	--	--	--	92.00	92.00	15.00
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	--	81.00	2.00

**MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS** W/E 22-Nov-2003

SELECTED CONSUMING CENTERS	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	32.5	25.6	27	16
BOSTON	3.7	3.9	-5	0
CHICAGO	64.9	48.3	34	2
DETROIT	30.1	27.9	8	-29
KANSAS CITY	4.7	4.4	7	27
LOS ANGELES	96.0	89.8	7	3
NEW ORLEANS	13.0	8.5	53	-23
NEW YORK	33.8	28.4	19	-4
ST. LOUIS	24.7	19.1	29	8
SAN FRANCISCO	27.4	22.0	25	1
TOTAL	330.8	277.9	19	-2
4 WK MVG AVG	293.6			

**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 22-Nov-2003  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

		YOUNG TURKEYS		TOTAL TURKEYS	
		PCT	AVG	OLD	AVG
		CHG	LIVE	BANDED	LIVE
-THOUSAND HEAD-		PW	WT	-THOUSAND HEAD-	WT
N EAST	960	-6	20.31	(A)	960 20.31
SATL	844	-14	28.49	(A)	844 28.49
N CENT	2,209	-10	30.79	(A)	2,209 30.79
S CENT	474	-30	20.56	(A)	474 20.56
WEST	713	-2	21.93	(A)	713 21.93
U.S. TOTAL	5,200(B)	-11	27.24	0	5,200 26.34
TO-DATE					
2003	222,665(B)			598	223,263
TO-DATE					
2002	221,612(B)			574	222,186

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: this week 37,000; for the year 2,971,000; last year to date 2,557,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED**

W/E 22-Nov-2003

	YOUNG		YOUNG		OLD	TOTAL
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS			
	THOUSANDS					
HEAD	2,076	3,087	37	0	5,200	
AVG WT	15.49	33.59	29.64	0.00	26.34	
LAST WEEK	2,541	3,250	74	23	5,888	
SAME WK YR AGO	2,045	3,336	38	65	5,484	
AVG WT	15.63	34.26	25.75	23.87	27.18	
TO-DATE/2003	89,655	130,039	2,971	598	223,263	
TO-DATE/2002	88,188	130,867	2,557	574	222,186	

**LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION** W/E 22-Nov-03  
(PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
-----THOUSANDS-----					
HEAD	151,254	1,097	1,427	2,524	446
AVG WT	5.25	3.36	8.22	6.11	6.82
LAST WEEK	157,078	1,126	1,656	2,782	416
SAME WK YR AGO	149,717	1,663	1,556	3,219	410
AVG WT	5.16	3.71	7.96	5.76	6.87
TO-DATE/2003	7,238,024	67,191	66,176	133,367	19,500
TO-DATE/2002	7,303,467	81,900	66,918	148,818	19,636

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 149.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 153.1 million head or 4 million head more than or 103% of estimated fryers available.

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Nov-03

CLASS	Current Week 11/29/03(1)	Previous Week 11/22/03
-----THOUSAND HEAD-----		
BRO-FRY	123,256(2)	154,774
LT HENS	727	1,196
HVY HENS	972	1,476
TOTAL	124,955	157,446

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Nov-03 is 149.6 million head compared to 116.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 123.5 million head or 26.1 million less than estimated available. For week of 06-Dec-03 the estimated available is 150.2 million head.

**ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO  
ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.**

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
OCTOBER 18	159.0	158.1	101%	5.26
25	161.0	158.3	102%	5.25
NOVEMBER 1	159.7	157.2	102%	5.36
8	160.0	154.5	104%	5.04
15	159.0	151.7	105%	5.30
22	153.1	149.1	103%	5.25
YEAR TO DATE	7326.0	7369.8	99%	
NOVEMBER 29		149.6		
DECEMBER 6		150.2		

**READY-TO-COOK POULTRY BROILER/FRYERS**

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers f.o.b. and Delivered to First Receivers at major market areas week of 11/24/03-11/28/03 (cents per lb.)

	U.S. GRADE A		COMPOSITE	
	MAJ	WTD AVG	LDS	WTD AVG
Chicago	56.00-59.00	58.91	36	61.69
Los Angeles	74.00	72.76	50	72.69
New York	60.00-63.00	61.13	23	62.81

**COMPOSITE WTD AVG PRICES FOR RTC BROILER/FRYERS**

	Change from		
24-Nov-03	17-Nov-03	17-Nov-03	25-Nov-02
66.02	1.23	64.79	53.36

NUMBER OF LOADS 508

**MONTHLY WT AVG PRICE FOR R.T.C. BROILER/FRYERS**

MONTH	WEIGHTED AVERAGE	LOADS
NOVEMBER	64.45	2270.00

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS,** FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	LBS (000)
<b>CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/</b>				
<b>8-16 LB HENS</b>				
EASTERN REGION 3/	67-71	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65-71	68	68.00	80
WESTERN REGION 5/	67-71	-	-	-

**16-24 LB TOMS**

EASTERN REGION	63-66	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION	62-64	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION	62-66	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F.

2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting.

4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting.

5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting.

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**  
SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 11/24/03	3,417	126,613	44,131
AM 11/01/03	3,598	182,037	44,797
CHG	-181	-55424	-666
PCT CHG	-5%	-30%	-1%

**HEN MARKETS**

**HEAVY TYPE** Final Price, Generally for slaughter the week of 24-Nov-03

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD. AVG
Southeast (1)	6-9 CENTS/LB.	8-9	8.45
Southeast (2)	TFEWR		
South Central(1)	6.5-11.5 CENTS/LB.	8-9	9.05

(1) At Farm Buyer Loading (2) At Farm Producer Loading

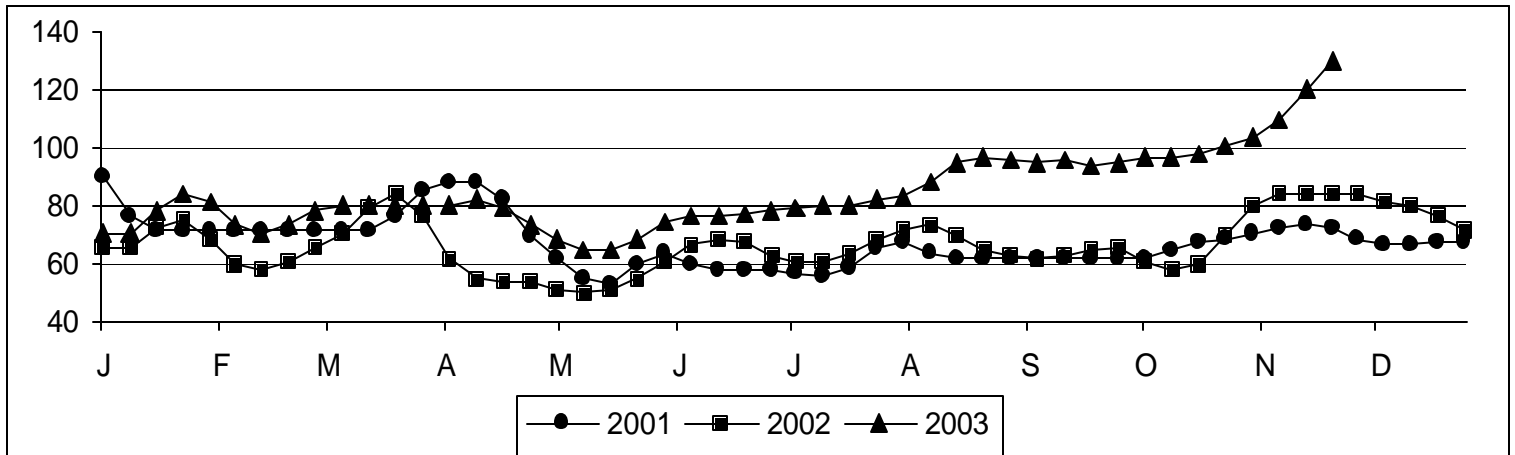
**LIGHT TYPE** 21-Nov-03 Cents per Head, generally for removal within the next 10 days (includes handling, freight and any other charges, weights average about 3.50 pounds)

	RANGE	MAJORITY
<b><u>Eastern</u></b>		
Removal Cost	0-12	10-11
<b><u>So. Central</u></b>		
Removal Cost	Too Few To Report	
<b><u>No. Central</u></b>		
Removal Cost	3-12.5	10-12.25

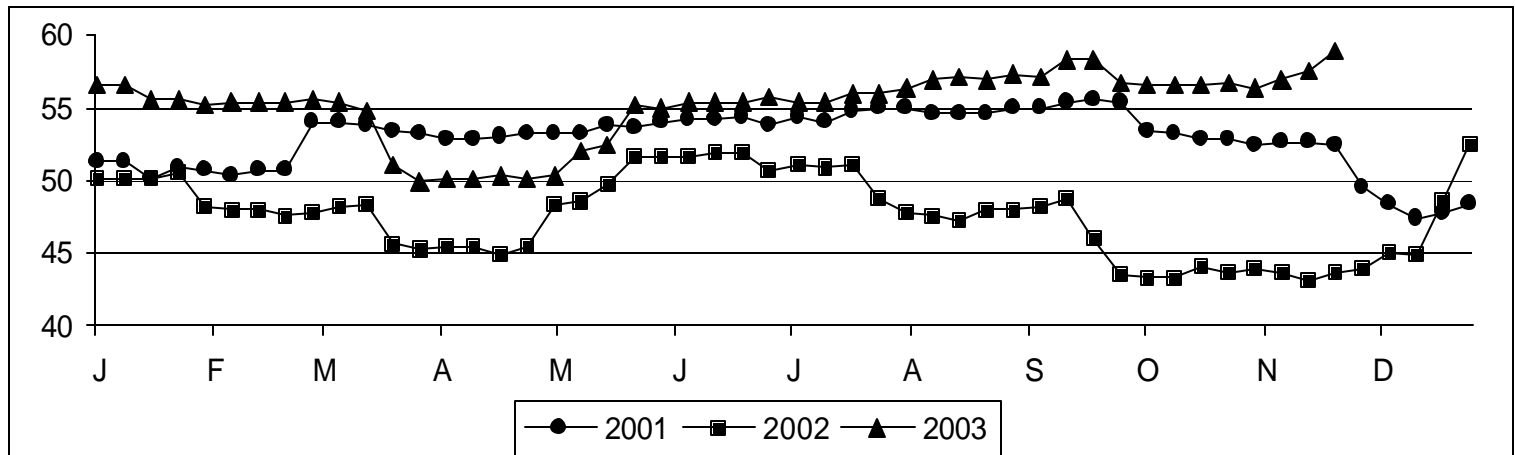
**COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT** W/E 22-Nov-03  
(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	224.6	0	-8
E.N. CENTRAL	593.8	5	-1
W.N. CENTRAL	304.6	2	1
S. ATLANTIC	193.9	1	3
S. CENTRAL	117.2	-1	19
WEST	209.2	10	0
TOTAL	1643.3	3	0
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		86	86

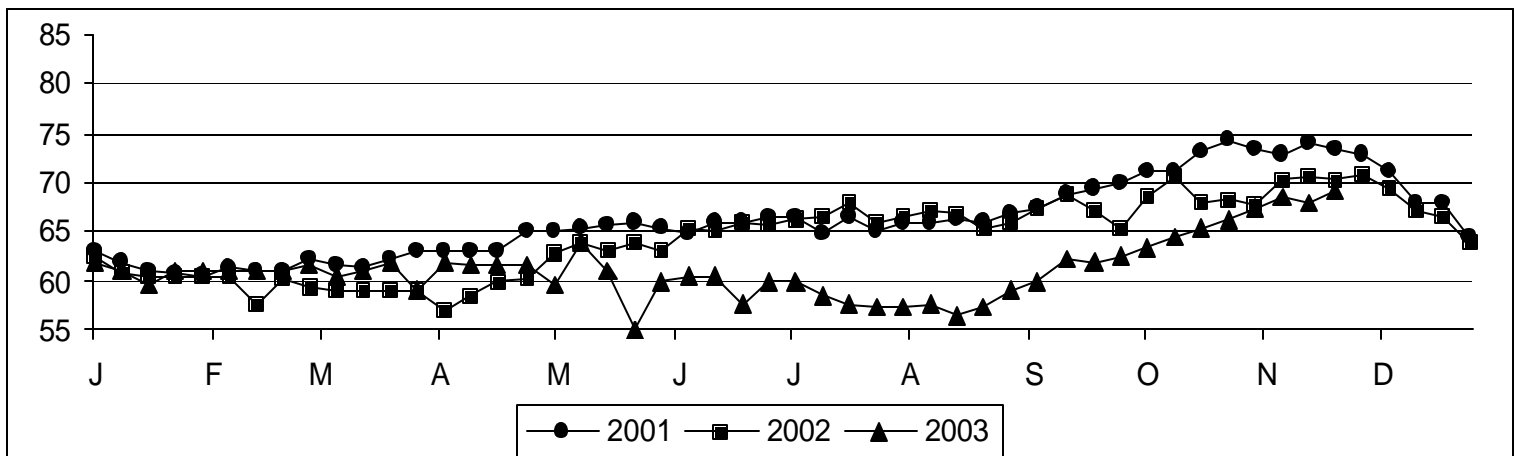
### New York Large Weekly Average Price Cents per Dozen



### Chicago Broiler/Fryer Weighted Average Prices Cents per Pound



### Eastern Region Weekly Average Prices For 8-16 LB Hen Turkeys Cents per Pound



Note: Some Weeks' Average Prices are Based on Offers Only

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